

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION, f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	DOCKET NO. TF-01-286 (RPU-98-4)
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ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued November 26, 2001)

On September 17, 2001, Qwest Corporation, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), filed a proposed tariff with the Utilities Board (Board) designed to reduce certain rates to comply with Qwest's price regulation plan. To accomplish the majority of the decrease, Qwest proposes to reduce originating and terminating common carrier line access service in a total amount necessary to produce a 0.53 percent decrease in year two basic communications services revenues. The tariff filing has been identified as TF-01-286.

On October 18, 2001, the Board issued an order docketing the proposed tariff and establishing a procedural schedule. On November 16, 2001, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule to allow the parties the opportunity to formulate an alternative procedure. In its motion, Consumer Advocate states that after additional investigation it has determined that this proceeding does not present any issue beyond those currently under judicial review of Docket No. TF-00-250, Polk County District Court Docket No. AA3693.

The Board will suspend the procedural schedule as requested by Consumer Advocate. The parties should submit an alternative procedure for this proceeding by December 7, 2001.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The procedural schedule in this proceeding is suspended pending further order of the Board.
2. The parties shall file an alternative procedure for Board consideration on or before December 7, 2001.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 26th day of November, 2001.